

**QUALITY AND SAFETY IN CHILD CARE**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine quality and safety in child care, focusing on giving working families security, confidence, and peace of mind, after receiving testimony from Eric Karolak, Early Care and Education Consortium, Washington, D.C.; Donna M. Bryant, University of North Carolina FPG Child Development Institute, Chapel Hill; and Charlotte M. Brantley, Clayton Early Learning, Denver, Colorado.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 657, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Morgan Christen, of Alaska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Scott Wesley Skavdahl, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, Sharon L. Gleason, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, to be United States District Judge for the Northern

District of California, Richard G. Andrews, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, Jennifer Guerin Zipps, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and Edward M. Spooner, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Florida, Kenneth Magidson, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, Robert Lee Pitman, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, S. Amanda Marshall, to be United States Attorney for the District of Oregon, John Malcolm Bales, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, and Sarah Ruth Saldana, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, all of the Department of Justice.

**NEW STATE VOTING LAWS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine new state voting laws, focusing on barriers to the ballot, after receiving testimony from Senators Nelson (FL), and Brown (OH); Representatives Cleaver, Gonzalez, and Rokita; Judith A. Browne-Dianis, Advancement Project, and Hans A. von Spakovsky, Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Justin Levitt, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 2865–2874; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 75–76; and H. Res. 394–396 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H6010–11**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2072, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–201) and

H.R. 2552, to amend title 18, United States Code, to change the state of mind requirement for certain identity theft offenses, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–202).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Clark Johnson, First Southern Baptist Church, Topeka, Kansas.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 395, electing a certain Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives.

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**Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act:** The House began consideration of H.R. 2218, to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Further proceedings were postponed.

**Pages H5979–88, H5988–H6005**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Agreed to:

Kline manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–200) that makes technical and clarifying corrections to the bill as reported out of Committee. Makes additional policy changes to improve the Charter School Program, including provisions regarding parent input, annual grants, education for at-risk students, diverse charter school models, transportation needs, high-quality applicants, and school lunch participants; **Pages H5996–98**

Davis (CA) amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–200) that adds to the purpose section of H.R. 2218 the importance of innovation in public education to prepare students to compete in the global economy; **Page H5998**

Paulsen amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–200) that changes the duration of Subgrants in the Grant Limitations Section from 5 years to 3 years to allow successful and eligible operating schools to replicate and expand faster. The school must demonstrate successful operation data for no less than 3 years; **Pages H5998–99**

Luján amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–200) that adds to the requirement that applicants include in their application a description of how a charter school program would share best and promising practices between charter schools and other public schools, by including in that description how they would share best practices in instruction and professional development in technology, engineering, and math education where appropriate; and **Pages H5999–H6000**

Polis amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–200) that promotes innovation and quality in charter schools by adding a priority to states that allow charter school authorizers besides local educational agencies. **Pages H6000–01**

Rejected:

Moore amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–200) that sought to strike “governor of a state” from the definition of “state entity” on page 20, thus removing Governors’ eligibility to apply for Federal grant funding to oversee charter school operations in their states. **Pages H6001–02**

Proceedings Postponed:

Holt amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–200) that seeks to encourage the Secretary of Education to include a priority for green school building practices in the application for states to ensure that federal investment in charter school facilities would be energy efficient and environmentally friendly and **Page H6002**

King (IA) amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–200) that seeks to strike subparagraph (d) of subsection (6) of Sec. (9) which is part of the definition of “high-quality charter schools.”

Seeks to strike the following language: “(D) has demonstrated success in increasing student academic achievement for the subgroups of students described in section llll(b)(2)(C)(v)(II).” **Pages H6003–05**

H. Res. 392, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2218) and (H.R. 1892), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 163 noes, Roll No. 694, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 693. **Pages H5979–88**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:47 p.m. and reconvened at 6:43 p.m. **Page H6005**

**Presidential Address:** President Barack Obama delivered an address to a joint session of Congress, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 74. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Cantor, McCarthy (CA), Hensarling, Sessions, Price (GA), McMorris Rodgers, Carter, Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Larson (CT), Becerra, Van Hollen, and Hochul and Senators Reid, Durbin, Schumer, Murray, Stabenow, Begich, McConnell, Kyl, Alexander, Barrasso, Thune, and Cornyn. The President’s message was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered printed (H. Doc. 112–51). **Pages H6005–09**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5979.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5987, H5987–88. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### USDA DAIRY PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Dairy Programs. Testimony was heard from Juan Garcia, Acting Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture; and Dana Coale, Deputy Administrator for Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture.

### FY 2012 TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT BILL

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development held a markup of the FY 2012 Transportation, Housing